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1. During the period from 23 April to 2 May 1955, air activity was observed at Briesen airfield on 25, 26 and 27 April only. In detail, the following observations were made:
- 25 April. Between 2000 and 2300, Il-28s made individual flights of 25 minutes' duration in clear weather. Each of the aircraft took off toward the west and flew a circle over the field before landing. Their position lights were switched on, and runway and taxiways were lighted by white lights.
- 26 April. Between 0800 and noon, 16 Il-28s took off for 15 minutes' flights. Weather was 8/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, visibility was about 5,000 meters. A total of 30 Il-28s were seen parked on the hardstands along the southern taxiway after the completion of air activity.
- 27 April. There was intensive air activity by 23 Il-28s after 0945. Weather was 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 4,000 meters and visibility about 15,000 meters. At first, a group of three aircraft took off at intervals of 1,000 meters, each plane alternately taking off from the left and right side of the runway. The three aircraft flew in wedge formation. About one minute after the last plane of the first flight had taken off, the next group of three planes followed. The different flights flew at different altitudes. At intervals of 200 to 500 meters, all the flights left toward the west and returned after about one hour. The aircraft crossed the field at an altitude of about 5,000 meters. The first aircraft of the first flight broke formation to the south, made a turn to the east and landed from this direction. This aircraft was followed by the two other planes of the flight in such a way that the three aircraft were about 3,000 meters apart. This procedure was followed by the other flights. All the planes landed within 18 minutes. While landing successively,

2. Truck driven by an air force soldier was seen proceeding to the airfield. All the other trucks which left the installation 25X1
- Comment. Briesen airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment equipped about 30 Il-28s. 25X1

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